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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR

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1. SMALL ITEM IN PRESS SEPTEMBER 10 REVEALS THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM BYONG HO HELD ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 9 IN WHICH HE "EXPLAINED HIS COUNTRY'S HOPE TO BRING ABOUT UNITY OF KOREA THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS". PRESS CARRIED NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT PRESS CONFERENCE OR WHO ATTENDED.

2. AHRAH SAME DAY CARRIED LONG ARTICLE BY MEMBER OF AHRAH STRATEGIC STUDIES CENTER DR. SAMI MANSUR, DATED IN SEOUL, ENTITLED "HOW SOUTH KOREA LIVES IN MIDST OF SEA OF GIANTS".

ARTICLE STRESSED KOREA'S INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POSITION AS RESULT "VICTORY OF REVOLUTION IN VIETNAM. DEFEAT OF AMERICAN COUP ATTEMPT IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS AND ENDING OF AMERICAN STRONGHOLDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA." "AMERICAN NOW HAS THREE STRONGHOLDS LEFT, SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES AND MUST DEFEND THEM REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE". ARTICLE SAID SOUTH KOREA'S SUCCESS IN BUILDING STRONG ECONOMY WAS "ACCOMPLISHED AT EXPENSE OF DEMOCRACY FOR  
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GOVERNMENT CONTROLS EVERYTHING WITH AN IRON FIST." THE ROLE

WHICH MASS MEDIA AND EDUCATION PLAY IN SOUTH KOREA MAKES  
REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AN IMPOSSIBILITY. SOUTH  
KOREA'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS MUST NOT ECLIPSE THE SHORTCOMINGS  
OF POLITICAL SYSTEM.  
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